



## **The American Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces The 2016 International Writing Program (IWP) Fall Residency**

The American Consulate General in Jerusalem and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) are pleased to announce the 2016 International Writing Program (IWP) Fall Residency. IWP is a leading forum for bringing together foreign literary figures including television/film writers, multi-media platform writers, and influential thought leaders for a 12-week Fall Residency program. The program will emphasize freedom of expression and the important role that writers play in civil society. The 12-week Fall Residency at the University of Iowa will begin on August 20, 2016, and end on November 8, 2016 (dates subject to adjustment). Hosted by the University of Iowa, the Fall Residency brings together global writers for a multicultural forum where conversations, workshops, collaborations, and public presentations constantly embody an unrestricted, yet respectful flow of opinions, ideas, and information. By supporting both freedom of expression and freedom of opinion, the residency models and reinforces the inextricable relationship between the two.

Participants in the IWP Fall Residency spend 12 weeks in residence at the University of Iowa in Iowa City presenting their work to local audiences, working with students, and attending and teaching classes. The program enables participants to bring their countries' literary works to a wider audience and learn more about U.S. society, culture, and literature. Additionally, over 120 community engagement opportunities will be available to learn about volunteerism and its central role in American society. A ten-day trip will be planned to different regions of the United States to meet and collaborate with diverse American writers. Further details about the program are available on the IWP website <http://iwp.uiowa.edu/>.

### **Participant Qualifications**

- Candidates should be established writers who have achieved literary distinction in their own countries, as well as rising stars who have demonstrated notable literary talent. Fiction and literary non-fiction writers, bloggers, screenwriters, poets, and dramatists are eligible for nomination.
- Candidates should have at least one published volume of work or professional script credit, or works that have appeared in significant publications or attracted significant audiences over a period of at least two years.
- Nominees must be fluent in English, comfortable with cross-cultural dynamics, and eager to engage with writers from diverse cultures.
- Participants must stay the full 12 weeks in the United States; there are no exceptions.
- Due to housing limitations and the intense nature of this program, family members are not allowed to accompany the writers during the Fall Residency.



**Important Note:**

- Participation in the IWP is contingent upon the applicant qualifying for a J-1 visa to the U.S.
- Holders of American passports or green cards are **not eligible to participate** in this program.

**Application deadline and inquiries:**

**Deadline for application:** April 27, 2016

Interested candidates must submit the following:

- 1) a literary-focused curriculum vitae (C.V.)
- 2) a 10-15 page writing sample in English or English translation.

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